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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir :

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the following documents are brought to the attention of the Examiner:

Japanese Patent No. 2620353 as cited and discussed on page 1 of the specification;

English language abstract of Japanese Patent No. 2620353; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,657,155 to Abe, et al., issued on December 2, 2003.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the patent documents.

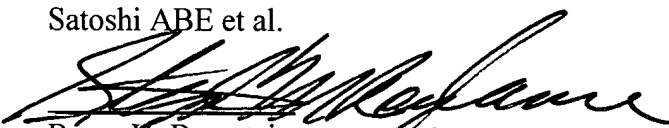
Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

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Applicants note that an Office Action on the Merits has not been received in the instant application. However, if an Office Action on the Merits has issued, and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), to Applicant's Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should there be any questions regarding the above or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted,
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